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**NEWS RELEASE**

**Council seeks transport views**

East Lothian Council is updating its Local Transport Strategy (LTS) and wants to know the views of organisations and individuals about key transport issues.

The current LTS was published in 2001 and needs to be revised in order to reflect the changes that have occurred since then as well as revised Council policies.

Council’s transport spokesman Councillor Barry Turner said: “Transport is fundamental to today’s society whether it is for work or leisure or the delivery of the goods and services. The Council’s ‘Contract with the People’ calls for a sensible transport strategy to meet these requirements but we also recognise that transport planning is not simply about choosing and developing different travel options but considering ways of reducing the overall need for travel.”

With this is mind, the Council has produced a consultation paper which seeks views on the priorities, scope and content of an updated LTS based on the following questions:

* what are the priorities for transport you would like to see addressed?
* what are your aspirations for sustainable transport in East Lothian?
* what would encourage to you to walk and cycle more?
* what would encourage you to use public transport more?
* do you agree that we need to reduce the overall need to travel?

To help inform opinions, a consultation questionnaire can be seen online at [www.eastlothian.gov.uk/lts](http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/lts) together with the current LTS. The questionnaire can be completed online but if you prefer a paper copy or have any other questions, please email LTS@eastlothian.gov.uk. Please submit views by Wednesday 20 July 2011.

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